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SUBJECT: MEEING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION, PARIS, JUNE  
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1. SUMMARY. DUAL THEME OF JUNE 19-22 SESSION OF WEU  
ASSEMBLY WAS EUROPEAN SECURITY AT TIME OF EAST- WEST  
DETENTE AND EUROPEAN- US RELATIONS. MAJOR SPEAKERS INCLUDED  
GENERAL GOODPASTER, SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE,  
MR. JOSEPH LUNS, NATO SECRETARY GENERAL, AND MR. CHRISTOPHER  
SOAMES, EC VICE PRESIDENT. DEBATE CENTERED ON NEED FOR  
INCREASED EUROPEAN UNITY, PARTICULARLY IN DEFENSE,  
AND WAS MARKED BY CONCERN ABOUT US COMMITMENT TO EUROPE  
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AND US- EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RIVALRY. THROUGHOUT SESSION IT WAS CLEAR THAT FORTHCOMING CSCE AND GATT NEGOTIATIONS WERE UPPERMOST IN MINDS OF MOST DELEGATES. WEU CONCERN TO DEFINE SOME ROLE FOR ITSELF IN EUROPEAN DEFENSE POLICY WAS MATCHED BY ANXIETY OVER STRAINS IN RELATION WITH US AND LACK OF EUROPEAN UNITY. THIS YEAR' S WEU ASSEMBLY EMPHASIZED NEED FOR COMMON EUROPEAN APPROACH TOWARDS US ON BOTH SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ISSUES.       END SUMMARY

2. IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOHN PEEL SET THE TONE OF SESSION BY UNDERSCORING REALITY OF US- EUROPEAN COMPETITION. WHILE ARGUING THAT ECONOMIC RIVALRY SHOULD NOT DAMAGE US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS NOR PRECLUDE COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS, HE CALED FOR " REDEFINING THE RULE OF THE ECONOMIC GAME" AND FOR GREATER EUROPEAN EFFORT TOWARDS INDEPENDENT DEFENSE CAPABILITY

3. GENERAL GOODPASTER' S ADDRESS WAS THE FIRST ADDRESS BY A SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN EUROPE SINCE 1964. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST EUPHORIA OVER THE CURRENT DETENTE AND URGED CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO UPCOMING CSCE TALKS. NATO' S SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS ADDED THAT SOVIET THREAT REMAINS AND URGED EUROPEAN NATIONS TO ACCEPT A FAIRER SHARE OF THE ALLIANCE DEFENSE BURDEN. EC VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT EUROPE POTENTIALLY EQUAL TO THE US BUT LACKS UNITY TO PLAY INTERNATIONAL ROLE COMMENSURATE WITH ITS IMPORTANCE. EUROPE MUST, THEREFORE, EITHER UNITE OR CONTINUE SOMEWHAT DEPENDENT ROLE IN RELATIONS WITH SUPER POWERS. FRENCH GAULLIST DEPUTIES WERE VOCAL IN CALLING FOR LESS DEPENDENCE ON US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA AND GREATER EUROPEAN RESOLVE TO ASSURE OWN DEFENSE.

4. THREE COMMUNIST PARLIAMENTARIANS, ALL FROM FRENCH DELEGATION, PARTICIPATED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEU ASSEMBLY. THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED, HOWEVER, TO SIT ON THE DEFENSE COMMISSION. THEY VOTED NEGATIVELY ON ALL MATTERS BEFORE THE SESSION EXCEPT IN REGARD TO ELECTION OF ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT JOHN PEEL WHOM THEY SUPPORTED.

5. FOLLOWING REPORTS ADOPTED ( COPIES OF ALL REPORTS POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT):  
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( A) CIVIL- MILITARY AVIATION POLICY FOR EUROPE  
( B) NUCLEAR POLICIES IN EUROPE  
( C) APPLICATION OF BRUSSELS TREATY  
( D) DEFENSE DETENTE AND THE CITIZEN  
( E) EUROPEAN SECURITY RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES  
OF EASTERN EUROPE -- FRENCH DEPUTY BERNARD DESTREMAU ( IN-

DEPENDENT REPUBLICAN), WHO IS ALSO DEFENSE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT, ABSTAINED IN VOTING THIS REPORT, OBJECTIVE TO INDIRECTLY-IMPLIED THESIS THAT COMMERCIAL AND DEFENSE NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE LINKED.

(F) HARMONIZATION OF POLICIES OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION FOR CSCE -- COMMUNISTS DID NOT ATTEND THESE SESSIONS. BELGIAN DEPUTY PAUL DE STEUXHE, WHO PRESENTED REPORT, CALLED TROOP REDUCTION IN EUROPE "AN ESSENTIAL OBJECT OF THE USG." THE ASSEMBLY EXPRESSED ITS VIEW THAT MBFR SHOULD NOT CREATE A NEUTRAL ZONE IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

(G) EVOLUTION BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE US -- UK REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL STEWART, IN PRESENTING REPORT, SAID STRAINED RELATIONS AND MUTUAL MISTRUST HAVE DEVELOPED IN RECENT YEARS. HE RECOMMENDED KISSINGER'S ATLANTIC CHARTER PROPOSAL NOT BE REJECTED OUT OF HAND, SUGGESTING EUROPE AND US WORK TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING ON DEFENSE, MONETARY AND TRADE MATTERS AND REAFFIRM COMMON PURPOSE. DISCUSSION ON THIS REPORT REVEALED STRONG MISGIVINGS ABOUT USG INTENTIONS IN DEFENSE FIELD. MANY SPEAKERS EXPRESSED FEAR THAT US TROOP REDUCTIONS IMMINENT AND US DEFENSE OF EUROPE UNCERTAIN. FRG DEPUTY GEORG KAHN-ACKERMAN WAS HEARTILY APPLAUDED FOR SPEECH URGING EUROPE TO PREPARE FOR NEW WAVE OF US ISOLATIONISM. GENERAL AGREEMENT EMERGING FROM DEBATE ON THIS REPORT WAS NEED FOR PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY BETWEEN EUROPE AND US.  
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